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BY

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in the first year of the reign of King Charles the first

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Mr. *Musenden*, Mr. *Wolley*, and divers others
of the Committee of *Lincolne*.

Imprimis, That to the Great disgragement of the Countie
he doth openly declare, his slighting of all mens good af-
fections to the Parliaments service, by expressing that he va-
ueth not, that men should do the Parliament service volunta-
rily, but that he would by his power force them to serve.

II. That he doth pay those great sums of money raised by
him out of the Countie only to whom he pleaseth, against all
Equity and Justice, notwithstanding my Lord *Manchesters*
Order to the contrary.

III. That he hath publicly declared his slighting the
Ordinance of Parliament, and done very many Ty-
rannicall and arbitrary Actions, by imprisoning divers of
persons at his pleasure, and exacting great sums of
money, at such time when necessitie could be no plea, with
many other particulars.

IV. When he was before Newarke he sent for a Captain,
who kept Crowland, who obeyed his command, yet sent
word to him of the danger that town was in, and therefore
refused his second pleasure, which was, that he should march,
who accordingly did, the Gentlemen of the Countie fearing
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the Enemy procured Major *Iretton* to send 100 Muskietiers to keep Crowland, which he hearing of, took ill that without order from him, any should come into his Liberties, and commanded them to be gone, who accordingly departed; the Enemy presently surprised the Town, and those few that he had left in it, by which means he betrayed the Town unto the Enemy, which was not regained without much charge, hazard, and losse of many mens lives.

5 That he gives protections for securing both person and goods, to those who are professed enemies to the Parliament.

6 That he imployeth such Officers, as are altogether unfit for the Countries service,

7 That he doth most grossely and unworthily affront and abuse the well-affected Gentry of the Countrie.

8 That he doth encourage desperate Malignants and animateth them against the well affected.

9 That he and his Officers have imprisoned men well affected to the Parliament, and caused their houses, chests, trunks, &c. to be searched for pewter, brasse, and linnen, and threatned that they would make it cost one of them his whole estate, and that one of his Officers would not take three hundred pounds for his own satisfaction.

10 That at the siege before Newark, such provision as the Countrie had voluntarily and freely sent in to Col. *Kings* quarters at Winthorp, for the maintainance of the souldiers, his Officers would not deliver without money, although they had not pay, to the extream oppression and discouragement of the Countrie.

11 That he sent three warrants to Capt. *Bushey* at Tattershall, to take away a great quantitie of wooll, which was bought by Mr. *Rawson* one of the Committee, and paid for with hit own money, and so the said *Rawson* is likely to lose his estate, although he hath been a sufferer both for Church and Commonwealth this twentie years, and hath made him

a Malignant, both in his words and letters, as much as in him did lie.

12 That when the Enemy took Grantham, they being beaten from one part of the town, wheeled about to fall upon the other side, at a place called Spittle-gate, which Major *Sar* will being then Major of the Town perceiving, commanded Col. *King* being then Capt. of a Company there, to march with his Company to defend that place, Collonel *King* answered, that he scorned to be commanded by him, and rather then he would be commanded by him, he would take his Company and let the Enemy into the Town, and he delayed so long before he would go, that the Enemy was entered at the said Port before he came thither, by which means he betrayed that Town.

13 That when Commissary *James* had brought in certain sheep from a malignant for the relief of the siege at Newark, being then in great want, Colonel *King* caused the said sheep to be restored to the malignant, and told the Commissarie that he deserved to be hanged, with divers other threatening and reviling speeches; notwithstanding he had order from Sir *John Meldrum* and the Committee for the taking of them.

14 That Collonel *King* having promised the Lord of Manchester to raise a great number of Horse and Foot, the said *King*, as did appear, not knowing how to raise so great a number, did to the great discouragement of the Countrey, take this course; In the first place he cashiered Major *Syler*, with him three hundred Voluntiers, which served on their own charge, who with the Townesmen had alwayes defended the Towne of Boston, that he might presse them to serve under him for pay; and secondly, he did seise upon and detain four or five of the Foot Companies belonging to the Lord Willoughbie, and did cashiere some of the Captaines, because they refused to forsake my Lord to serve under him.

XV. That the Troopers of Colonell *Cromwell* which were lost at Coleby and Waddington, were treacherously or ignorantly betrayed by Colonell *King*.

XVI. That to the great discouragement of the Countrey he doth oppose and quarrell with such as have been most serviceable to the Countrey, and such in whom the power of Religion is most eminent (viz.) Lieutenant Generall *Cromwell*, Mr. *Ram* and others, and that he imprisoned divers other very godly men, and that for exercising the very power of Godliness, which he did in a very scornfull and vile manner, and still continueth an utter enemy to such men, as namely Lieutenant Colonell *Berry*, Major *Lilborne*, Captain *Chambridge* and others.

XVII. That to the great discontent and discouragement of the Countrey, hee and his Officers did quarrell with, and slight the Committee at Lincolne, which was settled by Ordinance of Parliament, who were men of the best estates quality and Integrity, and such as were especially commended to serve the Countrey; and publikely vilifying them, and their actions, and assuming their power without any Authority.

XVIII. That before this war began he was an open and publike persecutor and scoffer of Religious men.

XIX. That he is a man of a turbulent and factious spirit, of meane condition and estate for so absolute a command, that he hath received vast sums of money amounting to about 20000*l*. much of which he hath levied in an illegall and obscure way, and issued out accordingly, for which it is desired he may give a speedy Account, and likewise of the rest of his actions.

XX. That in a factious and seditious manner he did imploy some agents to deliver blue Ribbons to such as would stand for him, and shew themselves his friends, to the great terrour and discontent of the Countrey, and the hazard of raising a dangerous mutinie.

XXI. That he kept about twenty men to wait on him whom he called his life guard, to whom he gave extraordinary pay, though they were exempted from all duty, except it were to wait upon him advance his reputation, and awe and affright the Countie.

XXII. That he did awe and gain the Countie wholly after him and that he might with better colour dominere, falsely stile himselfe Lieutenent Generall of the Countie of Lincolne.

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